

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:126

ANSWERED ON:25.02.2009

RURAL EMERGENCY HEALTH TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether absence of dependable transportation facilities acts as a serious hindrance in the utilization of healthcare services by the rural poor in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated under the National Rural Health Mission for undertaking various emergency health transportation facilities during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to enhance rural emergency health transportation services in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 126 FOR 25TH FEBRUARY, 2009

(b)to(d): National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has provision for ambulances including emergency health transportation facilities for all Primary Health Centres (PHCs)/Community Health Centres (CHCs)/District Hospitals for better utilisation of health care services by the rural poor in the country. State/UT Governments decide their requirement on the basis of case load and need specific to that State/UT.

The requirement for ambulances by State/UT Governments as reflected in their annual Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) is examined and approved by the National Programme Coordination Committee (NPCC) as per the norms available in frame work for implementation of NRHM. These ambulances are to be kept under the supervision of Rogi Kalyan Samitis/User Groups. The State-wise details of financial assistance for ambulances including emergency transport system as approved under NRHM is annexed. Besides above, referral transport is an approved expenditure under the Janani Suraksha Yojana in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarkhand, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Orissa, Assam and Jammu & Kashmir.